## Superior Court of California County of San Bernardino PUBLIC NOTICE



## Effective January 1, 2008

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 500, Code of Civil Procedure Section 367.5 and California Rule of Court 3.670, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino hereby gives notice that it will allow telephonic appearances as provided for in CRC 3.670 as amended effective January 1, 2008. The rule applies to all general civil cases as defined in CRC 1.6 and to Unlawful Detainer and Probate proceedings.

A party choosing to appear by telephone must notify the Court and all other parties of the party's intent to appear by telephone. The phrase "Telephonic Appearance" is placed under the title of the moving, opposing or reply papers, or a Notice of Intent to Appear by Telephone may be filed with the court three court days prior to the hearing with a proof of service to all parties attached. If it is necessary to give oral notice, the party must contact the Court three court days prior to the hearing by calling the clerk's office of the Court district where the proceeding is to be held. Additionally, if a vendor is to be used for teleconferencing, the party must contact the vendor and make the necessary arrangements and pay the applicable fees to the vendor.

CRC 3.670 provides that if a party gives notice to appear telephonically but subsequently decides to appear in person, the party must notify the court and all other parties who have appeared in the action, by telephone at least two court days before the appearance. If after receiving notice of telephonic appearance by another party and an additional party subsequently decides to appear by telephone, the party must notify the court and all other parties no later than noon the court day before the appearance of its intent to appear by telephone. The Court, on showing of good cause, may permit a party to appear by telephone or in person even if the required notices were not given.

Pursuant to Rule 3.670, appearance is mandatory at certain specified hearings, conferences and proceedings and the Court may order a personal appearance on a hearing-by-hearing basis if it is deemed that a personal appearance would materially assist in the determination of the proceedings or in the effective management or resolution of the particular case. CRC 3.670 provides for reasonable notice to be given by the court if a personal appearance is required after a request for telephonic appearance has been made.

Local Rule 330 will be amended as required to comply with these changes.

Contact information for the Clerk's Office in each district can be obtained on the Court website at www.sbcounty.gov/courts.